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#### WEEK DAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29
Yamat...Dep.	6.50	8.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.03	8.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	4.56	5.51
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	8.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09	6.04
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.03	11.18	12.48	1.53	5.13	6.08
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	9.12	11.27	12.57	2.01	5.21	6.16
Shuanghai...Dep.	7.58	9.31	11.46	13.16	2.20	5.40	6.35
Shumchun...Arr.	7.42	10.15	11.30	13.00	2.13	5.33	6.28

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun...Dep.	7.21	8.05	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13
Shuanghai...Dep.	7.28	8.12	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20
Fanning...Dep.	7.32	8.16	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.42	8.26	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34
Taipei...Dep.	7.48	8.30	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.59	8.43	11.17	12.21	3.35	4.52	5.48
Yamat...Dep.	8.13	8.55	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03
Kowloon...Arr.	8.20	9.03	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.11

#### SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon...Dep.	6.40	8.35	9.15	10.30	12.00	2.29	5.29
Yamat...Dep.	6.50	8.44	9.24	10.39	12.09	2.31	5.38
Shatin...Dep.	7.03	8.57	9.36	10.51	12.21	2.43	5.51
Taipei...Dep.	7.16	9.10	9.49	11.04	12.34	2.56	6.04
Taipei Market...Dep.	7.31	9.24	10.03	11.18	12.48	3.09	6.16
Fanning...Dep.	7.39	9.32	10.11	11.26	12.57	3.11	6.20
Shuanghai...Dep.	7.58	9.51	10.30	11.45	13.16	3.30	6.35
Shumchun...Arr.	7.42	9.15	10.18	11.33	12.58	3.21	6.28

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Shumchun...Dep.	8.19	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.08
Shuanghai...Dep.	8.18	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.16
Fanning...Dep.	8.23	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.31	6.20
Taipei Market...Dep.	8.33	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.41	6.30
Taipei...Dep.	8.37	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.45	6.34
Shatin...Dep.	8.51	11.17	12.21	3.35	4.52	5.55	6.44
Yamat...Dep.	9.03	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.11	6.59
Kowloon...Arr.	9.11	11.37	12.41	3.58	5.16	6.19	7.07

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Launch.—On Monday afternoon (23rd  
November, 1889) there was launched  
from the building yard of Messrs. Scott  
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ship of the following dimensions:—  
Length, 210ft.; beam, 36ft.; depth, of  
hold, 30ft. 6in.; and about 950 tons  
burthen. As she left the ways she was  
named the *Cutty Sark* by Mrs. Moodie,  
the wife of Captain Moodie. The  
*Cutty Sark* is intended for the China  
tea trade, and is expected by her  
owners to be one of the fastest ships  
engaged in the traffic.—*Dumbarton  
Herald*, 25/11/89.

Surely an accurate enough forecast.  
But it is not our present purpose to tell  
of her great runs, of her 2,163 miles in six  
days running the casting down—an average  
of over 15 knots an hour. Mr. Basil  
Lubbock gives the sail history and pro-  
mance of this fine vessel so well in his  
"The Log of the *Cutty Sark*" that it  
would be presumption to add, a word on  
her sailing days. No able pen, however,  
has ever mapped out the whole romance  
of the *Cutty Sark's* building days. A  
joiner, who passed away only a few weeks  
ago (possibly the last of those who worked  
on her), was of the opinion that the  
keel was laid about two months before  
he started with Scott & Linton, the  
builders, in January, 1889, and he worked  
on her until she left the Clyde. She was  
the last of an order for six sailing  
vessels to be built at the Woodyard.  
Constructed under the personal super-  
vision of Captain Moodie, the *Cutty Sark*  
had very sharp lines. Her designer was  
Mr. H. Linton, a partner of the firm.  
It is said that Captain Moodie did not  
spare the contractors, and that every  
piece of timber was most minutely  
examined, the tiniest flaw being enough  
to ensure condemnation. When the pre-  
sent excellent condition of the ship's hull  
is considered one can readily believe the  
statement. There were many ups and  
downs during the building, but the climax  
was reached when on September 8th there  
was a meeting of the principal creditors  
of Scott & Linton. It is even said that  
a few days before this meeting one of  
the partners appeared on the *Cutty Sark*  
and announced to the workers that as the  
firm was in financial difficulties work  
would have to be suspended. These  
difficulties were overcome, however, and  
several Dumbarton gentlemen were ap-  
pointed as trustees to attend to the com-  
pletion of the contracts on hand. Even-  
tually, on Monday, November 23rd, 1889,  
the *Cutty Sark* entered the Leven, dred-  
ged and deepened by one of the Clyde  
Trust dredgers to accommodate "this  
large composite vessel," the first of her  
class to be built on the Leven. It is  
said that it was after she entered the  
water that the *Cutty Sark* took over the work  
of completion. The famous clipper left  
Dumbarton on December 21st of the same  
year for Greenock, where the final  
touches were put on her prior to her  
sailing round to London to load for  
China. But if anybody could get at the  
whole story of the building of the most  
romantic old clipper that has sailed the  
seas, and whose hull still floats sound  
as the day she was launched, a monu-  
ment to the skill of her builders, they  
would earn the admiration of many who  
regret that that part of her story has  
not been told in full.

#### TRAFFIC IN FOOTBALLERS.

In one of the London papers the state-  
ment is made by an authority on Asso-  
ciation football that for some 18 players  
from Scotland a sum of at least £40,000  
has been paid away to clubs on this side  
of the Border for the transfer of these  
men to England. There was a time before  
the War when the payment of £1,000 for  
the exchange of a player's services was  
regarded as a large, if not sensational,  
amount. How far would £1,000 go to-  
day?

#### A FAMILY RESEMBLANCE.

A question of curious and unusual  
interest is involved in the decision given  
in the Scottish Courts in the Seafeld  
peppercorn case. The judge was asked to  
accept as relevant proof of the claim  
evidence bearing on the subject of the  
resemblance of the claimant and his  
family to the Seafeld and Blantyre  
families in physical characteristics, gait,  
and mannerisms. The decision of the  
learned Judge is that such averments as  
to family likeness cannot be allowed to  
go to proof. Few lawyers, we fancy,  
will disagree with him, but the opinions  
of biologists would be more divided. The  
persistence of family traits is common  
knowledge, and the writers on heredity  
have produced many curious pages on the  
subject. In Spain and Austria a Haps-  
burg without the Hapsburg lip would  
almost certainly provoke doubts of his  
legitimacy. There are well-known cases  
among other old families in Scotland of  
a marked trait coming out generation  
after generation. But the subject is  
much too illusive to be reduced to the  
form of satisfactory evidence in a Law  
Court, however satisfactory it might be  
as evidence of natural descent. Nature  
takes no note of primogeniture or of  
legitimacy. If a peculiarity originated a  
dozen generations ago it may reappear in  
any descendant of the first to show it.  
But in a fertile stock the descendants of  
an individual of three hundred years ago  
may number thousands, dispersed through  
all grades of society, and probably a large  
majority of them have lost all knowledge  
of their ancestry. And in how many  
cases can it be said with certainty with  
whom the peculiarity originated?

#### THE SCOTCH-FRENCH ALLIANCE.

The subject of the Franco-Scottish  
alliance has long been a popular one with  
those who write on historical themes.  
One of the latest to deal with it is the  
Hon. R. Erskine of Marr. His opinion

is that the "Auld Alliance" was of  
value to both countries from the point of  
view of politics. It was not sentiment  
that sealed the pact but business; neither  
was it sentiment that preserved it in-  
sisting so long, but again business, and  
business, too, in which the political ac-  
count of both parties to it lay. In some  
instances, he admits, the French had the  
better of the bargain, but still on the  
whole it was fully justified. Valuable  
though the Auld Alliance was as a means  
to preserve the liberties of Scotland in  
Mr. Erskine's opinion, it had, in addi-  
tion, an educative effect on our fore-  
fathers. The French Alliance was the  
means of placing Scotland in the fore-  
front of the figures that moved on the  
European stage. It gave our country an  
importance which was possibly dispro-  
portionate to its size and wealth. So  
long as the Auld Alliance endured the  
rest of the great nations of the West  
treated Scotland as an equal. That  
obliged us to produce political intellects  
fit to take their stance, beside the  
brightest that France or Italy, or Spain  
or the Empire could produce; but the  
benefit we derived did not end there. The  
educative influences diffused by the  
Franco-Scottish Alliance reacted upon the  
whole body of the people, sharpening  
their intellects, improving their natural  
genius for politics, and broadening and  
deepening their understandings and feel-  
ings and sympathies to an extent and in  
a way it is difficult to realise now-a-days.  
"Beware of the Scots," said Philip II.  
of Spain to one of his most experienced  
negotiators, "they are an extremely wise  
people."

#### "REAL SCOTCH."

This year, as last, foreign barley is  
being landed in considerable quantities  
at Lossiemouth for the Morayshire dis-  
tilleries, and the farmers of the Nor-  
East are making the welkin ring with  
their protests. Last year no less than  
25,000 tons were shipped to Lossiemouth,  
and the Banffshire whisky-making centres  
also absorbed many thousands of tons.  
One Banffshire farmer has propounded  
the conundrum—"What is the correct  
designation for barley bree of which  
only the water and the peats are  
Scotch?"

#### A SCOTTISH ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Steps are being taken to found a Scot-  
tish National Academy of Music in  
Glasgow, and Sir Daniel Stevenson,  
Bt., LL.D., has written stating his  
willingness to contribute to the capital  
fund of £100,000 required the sum of  
£30,000 if and when the balance of  
£70,000 has been obtained. This gift en-  
ables the committee which has taken up  
the matter to appeal with some assurance  
to the generosity of those interested in  
music training and culture in Scotland,  
and to make possible a movement uniting  
the University of Glasgow and the  
Scottish Academy of Music in a scheme  
worthy of Scotland's musical traditions  
and aspirations.

#### BIRTHPLACE OF R. L. STEVENSON.

The bazaar held by the Robert Louis  
Stevenson Club to raise £3,000 for the  
endowment of Stevenson's birthplace in  
Edinburgh as a permanent memorial  
has raised a total of £2,800.

#### TEMPERANCE FLYING SQUAD.

The Prohibitionists admit that the  
result of the Local Veto polls in Scot-  
land are not up to their expectation.  
They cannot do otherwise, the figures  
in the results as far as announced are  
against them. One of their leaders says  
that the lesson of the polls was that  
work in three months nor in three weeks.  
The strongest weapon they had was the  
canvass. They therefore intended to  
form a "flying squad" of men and  
women prepared to go anywhere and give  
their time as expert canvassers in back-  
ward areas.

#### A FROZEN KILT.

Lecturing on Highland regiments a  
speaker recently mentioned that the  
white spik commences an occasion on  
which the feet of the troops were so  
badly cut up by marching that they were  
forced to the rage, round them. "One  
who was over there," has thereupon made  
a suggestion. He says that during the  
Great War, though kilted troops round  
their kit serviceable in some respects, it  
had this great drawback, that mud and  
water gathered round it, and particu-  
larly in frosty weather, the hard and  
weighty fringe chafed the skin of the  
knees very painfully as it swung. It  
was no uncommon thing during the  
winter fighting in front of Ypres to see  
"Jocks" who had bound rugs round  
their knees to prevent this. Might not  
some decorative touch be added to the  
uniform of certain units as a memorial  
of those iron times? asks the writer.  
Romantic details of the kind go far,  
slight as they seem, to create that won-  
derful welding force, esprit de corps.

#### DIFFICULTIES OF A TRANSLATOR.

In the less frequented islands of the  
Hebrides, where English is the language  
of politeness and Gaelic the language of  
comfort, technical and journalistic jargon  
has not yet become familiar. A  
townswoman, visiting her relatives in  
theircroft, was called upon to act as  
interpreter. A Highland newspaper had  
just arrived with an account of "the  
wedding of one who had left the island  
to become famous as a singer, and her  
former neighbours were conning the list  
of presents. Two items had baffled them.  
In the first place, they were not satis-  
fied with the rendering of "crystal jelly  
dish" as "croc a' mhaisean" (jam-jar);  
and, secondly, they were frankly at a  
loss as to the meaning of "lingerie."  
When the visitor had made it clear to  
them, "Well, well," said the caillach,  
"and who would have thought that now?  
Could the printer not have put the  
English on it, so that folks would know?  
I was thinking it was some kind of  
dried fish."

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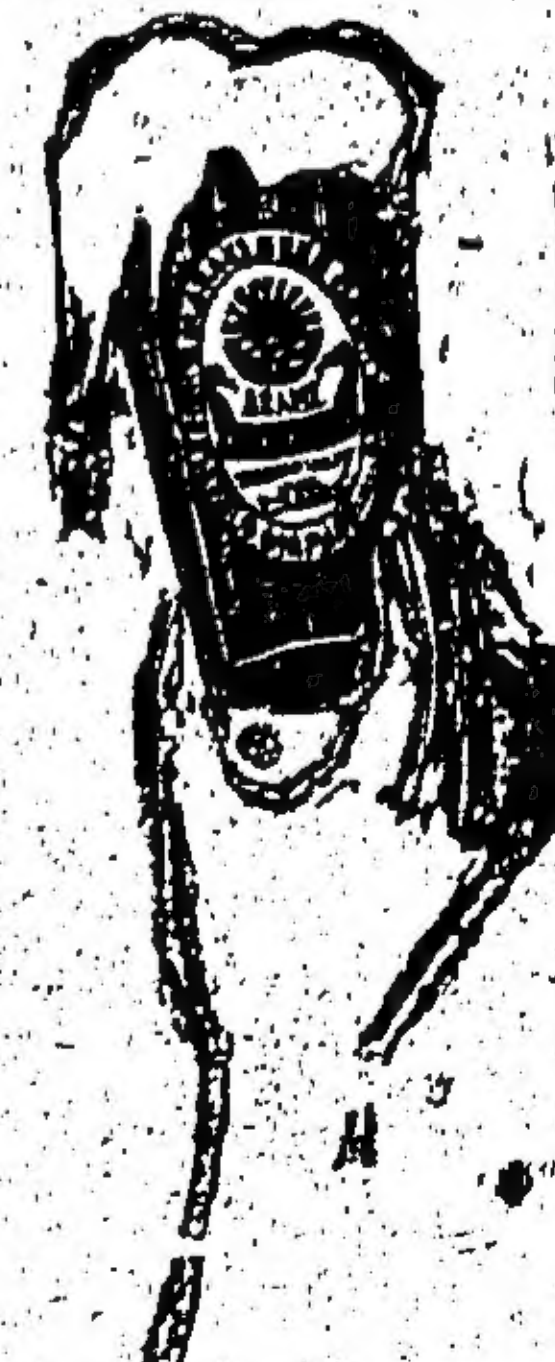
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#### A FAIRY TALE.

The latest jibed on a certain northern  
city takes the form of a little nursery  
tale. "There was once a clever little

threepenny bit, which, on a very wet  
day, fell into a deep puddle. It was  
not afraid, however, for this happened  
in Aberdeen, and the little coin knew it  
would be saved!"



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### LESSONS OF THE HOTEL FIRE.

ONE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE  
OUTBREAK.

[BY AN ENGINEERING CORRESPONDENT.]

When everything is taken into consideration it must be confessed that the residents in the Hongkong Hotel were fortunate to have escaped with the loss only of personal property. If the fire had commenced at about 3 a.m. and if there had been a high wind blowing they would have been subjected to far greater perils than those which no doubt tried them sorely on New Year's Day.

As far as can be ascertained there is only one theory about the origin of the fire. It is that an electric wire used in connection with the electric lift became overheated and caused the first conflagration. In the lift itself there were three aids to the demon that we all dread. One was the woodwork, another was the lift shaft which would act like a chimney. The third was the grease or oily substance used to make the lift slide up and down with the minimum of friction. It can be imagined that these three factors created ideal conditions for a rapid and fierce conflagration.

#### THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

If we assume that all of the above theories are correct, and no doubt an official enquiry will reveal the truth of them, or the reverse, then we are led to consider carefully why the wire that was overheated came into that condition. Electric wires, like other modern contrivances, vary in quality. They are not, however, freakish. They do not carry an electric current of a certain magnitude for days and then suddenly become red-hot with the same current. In nearly every case when a wire in active service becomes red hot it is because the current has been suddenly increased. In order to avert any possibility of a wire becoming red hot for the above reason fuses are inserted in the various circuits. In a building of the size of the Hongkong Hotel there are probably hundreds of circuits and, consequently, hundreds of fuses.

These fuses are made of an alloy which, if the fuses are properly arranged, should melt before the electric wires in the circuit so protected have time to become red-hot. When the fuses melt the current is at once cut off from that circuit. In this Colony the ingenious Chinese servant, who treats modern appliances with the contempt that only extreme ignorance can explain, is not worried by fuses. If one, that has been delicately adjusted, melts, he seizes any old piece of wire and uses it as a fuse. Usually it is the wire from a ginger beer bottle which, of course, is utterly useless as a fuse because it will not melt when the melting is needed. Any wire that will not fuse is selected to save replacement.

There is, apparently, no evidence to show that in this particular case the fuses had been tampered with. The Hotel authorities have always been most careful about the supervision of their electrical system, but however careful any supervisor may be it is impossible for him to examine, daily, all the electric fuses in such a large building.

Assuming that it was a fact that the origin of the fire was an overheated electric wire, then one wonders whether the results would have been so disastrous if the wire had been run inside a metal conduit. Let the writer hasten to add that he has not a cent at stake in any particular system of wiring, and that he has made suggestions in the past that the subject of the local wiring regulations in this Colony should be investigated. In actual fact they were revised in about 1920, but it is possible that this fire enquiry may lead to further revision.

Fifteen years ago a common practice in Hongkong was to carry electric wires inside inflammable wooden casings. It was a most dangerous system and should never have been allowed. It may be prohibited now, although there may be old houses with the system still in use. One rather interesting case is recorded of a fire that originated in such a wooden casing. White ants were attracted to the wood, and, in their thousands, attacked the rubber covering of the wires. Finally their tiny bodies, heaped together, caused a short circuit between two adjacent wires and immediately the casing was on fire. The white ants, of course, paid the extreme penalty. They were considered enough to cause the ignition in the day time or the results might have been most serious. Other causes of short circuits inside wood casing have been noticed.

Electricity has been blamed for many fires that were caused by the careless dropping of a match or a cigarette. One may hazard the suggestion that in this case it is not altogether certain that a match or cigarette was not the real origin of the fire. If a lighted match came into contact with the grease used for the lift it would have a very good chance of giving a good, or bad, account of itself. It is not absolutely certain yet that it was a red hot wire that caused the trouble. Householders naturally enough become alarmed when they hear about fires caused by electric wires fusing or overheating. If the wiring in a house is done properly, and if the householder does not use "substitute" fuses, there is no danger whatever.

One of the most enterprising engineers in the history of this Colony was the late Mr. Carter, for many years manager of the Hongkong Telephone system. He was a great advocate of lead covered wire system for interior lighting, but he had very little support from the more conservative circles in this Colony. Incidentally it may be said that he was given the credit for introducing the electric clock system in this Colony, which, of course, should be more universal than it is. Carter was a candid critic of the wood-covered wiring.

A counsel of perfection is to keep all wires away from any woodwork or inflammable decorations. In that matter

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### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

JANUARY 6TH, 1926.	
Hongkong Bank	\$1,080 buy, 1,070 sa.
Do. London	\$129 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$21 nom.
Morantia Bank, A. & B.	\$21 nom.
Do. O.	\$18 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$21 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$21 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$390 buy.
China Underwriters	\$21 nom.
North China Insurance	\$14 145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$23 buy, 233 sa.
Yangtze Insurance	\$33 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$165 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$800 sel.
Douglases	\$33 buy.
H.K. & S. Steamboats	\$24 buy.
Hongkong Tugs	\$44 nom.
Indo-China (Fret.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Def.) London	\$65 sel.
Do. Hongkong	\$45 sel.
Shanghai Express	\$167 a dir. buy.
Star Ferry	\$23 nom.
Waterboats	\$18 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugars	\$31 sel.
Malayan Sugars	\$48 nom.
Benguet	\$190 nom.
Kailan Mining Ad.	\$57 nom.
Langkate (combined)	\$14 334 nom.
Do. (single)	\$14 20 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	\$14 345 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 345 nom.
Railways	\$14 345 nom.
Tonghai Mines	\$87 nom.
Uml Caspian	\$14 345 nom.
H.K. & S. Wharfs	\$130 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$56 buy.
Hongkong	\$14 165 buy.
New Engineering	\$14 7 buy.
Shanghai Docks	\$14 114 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$3 b, 87 sel, 830/84 sa.
Hongkong Lands	\$84 nom.
Hongkong Realty (sp.)	\$4 buy.
H.K. Territorial (sp.)	\$4 buy.
Humphreys Estate	\$13 buy.
Prince's Buildings	\$150 nom.
Rural Lands	\$7 sel.
Ewo Cottons	\$14 10 sel.
Oriental	\$14 34 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	\$14 62 sel.
Do. (new)	\$14 31 sel.
Amusements	\$14 buy.
Canton Ice	\$14 nom.
Cementa (combined)	\$14 buy.
Do. (old)	\$14 nom.
Do. (new)	\$14 nom.
China Buses	\$14 104 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$14 119 sel.
Do. (old)	\$14 110 nom.
Do. (new)	\$14 105 nom.
China Providents (comb.)	\$324 nom.
Do. (old)	\$324 nom.
Do. (new)	\$324 nom.
Constructions	\$324 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$14 173 nom.
Do. A Wing (sp.)	\$14 110 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$35 sa.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	\$30 cts. buy.
H.K. Bopes (combined)	\$40 sel.
Do. (old)	\$134 nom.
Do. (new)	\$134 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$244 nom.
Lane Crawford	\$121 nom.
Mackintosh	\$121 nom.
Peak Tram (old)	\$16 buy.
Do. (new) (sp.)	\$11 sel.
Shippers	\$4 sel.
Taxis	\$4 sel.
United Asbestos	\$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	\$121 buy.
Do. (new)	\$121 buy.
Wm. Powells	\$13 sel.
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Perak Rivers, x.d.	3.00
Sandvells	5.00
Teluk Ansons	17.25
Jinab	2.80
Kodahs	4.85
Kempas	10.75
Pindas	3.77
Malakoff	5.40
Serendahs	5.50
Pajams	18.00
Punggors	1.85
Radelins	12.00
Tapahs	32
Ulu Benuts	93 cts.

the lady of the house is often inconsiderate. Art effects can be obtained at too great a risk of fire.

#### OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

It is usual, when there is any catastrophe that endangers life to blame the Government. That is often most unfair. In this matter of electric wiring the Fire Insurance Companies are primarily interested. In Great Britain, where the insurance policies aggregate so much more than they do out here, the Insurance Companies are much more active on the subject of fire prevention. The Hongkong Government has now a fully qualified electrical engineer to advise them on all matters connected with electricity distribution. The ordinary householder very much resents any interference by the Government. He says "an Englishman's house is his castle" and does not see why he should not use any kind of wiring he fancies in his own house. He takes another view of the situation when the insurance company refuses to give him a fire policy. Therefore it would be less irritating to the householder if the initial-ty came from the Insurance Companies. During the war some of the Chinese contractors were using wire that was not properly insulated. In engineering work in this Colony it always pays to have European supervision and the best materials.

No doubt the local fire insurance companies will be roused to take an interest in these matters. Their shareholders suffer.

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### LOCAL SPORT.

#### CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. CIVIL SERVICE 2nd XI.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club in the above League fixture to be played at Happy Valley on Saturday next, January 9th, at 2 p.m.: D. E. G. Nicholson (capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. Griffin, P. Jacks, A. K. MacKenzie, T. D. E. Pendered, J. A. H. Plummer, O. Skinner, H. J. Stevenson, G. R. Vallack, M. M. Watson.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. H.K.C.C. 2nd XI.

The following will represent Civil Service Club on the Civil Service ground at 2.15 p.m., on Saturday next:—W. H. Edmonds (capt.), F. F. Harper, H. E. Strange, C. H. Beardsall, B. C. K. Hawkins, F. E. Booker, T. W. Carr, E. A. Bastin, A. W. Grimmer, R. F. Westlake, C. Sara. Reserves: G. E. Ursell, G. G. Edwards, R. Smith.

C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. CRAIGENGOWER.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. on the Craigengower ground at 2 p.m., on Saturday next:—F. J. de Rome (capt.), G. R. Sayer, E. B. Reed, A. E. Wood, E. C. Fincher, B. D. Evans, H. G. Wallington, F. Baker, E. W. Hamilton, F. E. Lawrence, F. H. Holdman. Reserves: H. F. Harper.

#### FOOTBALL.

##### HONGKONG RUGBY CLUB.

The Royal Navy will play the Hongkong Football Club on the Club ground on Saturday. Kick-off, 3 p.m. Teams:

Club—H. G. Armstrong, J. Easterbrook, E. F. Stewart, A. S. Hett, G. P. Lammert, J. Morrison, D. O. Ralph, J. Ralston, H. R. Forsyth, J. Foster, M. Smith, L. Smith, R. W. Lee, H. Beveridge, A. Miller. Reserves: Skinner, O'Connor, Summers, Gordon.

Navy—Tel. Mortimer (Ambrone), P. O. Couley (Ambrone), Lt. Cdr. Lyle (Hawkins), E.R.A. Tinker (Hermes), E.R.A. Bothwell (Submarines), Mid. Rowe (Hawkins), E.R.A. Northwood (Submarines), Lt. Cdr. Bower (Hawkins), Lt. Garnon-Williams (Hermes), Lt. Wendeyer (Ambrone), Lt. Sherwood (Submarines), Sub. Lt. Verker (Hawkins), E.R.A. M. Taggart (Hermes), A.B. Ascott (Submarines), Stc. Stafford (Submarines).

#### GOLF.

EXPECTED VISIT OF MANILA PLAYERS.

It is expected that a delegation from the Wack-Wack Golf Club, Manila, will visit Hongkong sometime in February or March to meet members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club in a series of matches. The delegation is likely to comprise six of the best club players.

#### BOXING.

H.K.B.A.'s NEXT TOURNAMENT.

The next tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association is to be held at the Theatre Royal on January 14th.

The full programme has not yet been decided, but the main bout will be over 15 rounds for the Featherweight Championship of the Colony and belt. It is well known that Dmr. Bowles, of the East Surreys, is the present holder, and his opponent, as clever a boxer as ever entered the ring in Hongkong, has figured prominently at recent tournaments.

If Stoker Booth, of H.M.S. Hollyhock, arrives in time he will probably be given a contest.

According to the contests already arranged, some men who have not previously appeared at the Theatre Royal will be seen in action.

The programme promises to prove an interesting one, and will be published in the next few days.

### PAYING ITALY'S WAR DEBT.

SUCCESS OF CONTRIBUTION SCHEME.

A Rome correspondent writing a month ago said:

The collection of a national voluntary subscription for \$3,000,000 to pay the war debt to America in the next five years is going on apace. Since Signor Mussolini gave his approval to the scheme in the Chamber, declaring he would be satisfied if only \$1,000,000 were forthcoming by December 1st this year, propaganda in favour of contributions has assumed vast proportions throughout the country. The Fascist newspapers appear with bold headlines suggesting all sorts of means of persuasion. The wilds in the towns are placarded with exhortations, and pictures appear with crowds standing in a queue before the counters of the banks and Government offices anxious to pay in their dollar. In the town of Turin, where patriotism has always been foremost, more than 2,000,000 lire has been already contributed. The Fiat, the Sipa, and the Italian gas companies have each paid 250,000 lire, making by themselves alone a sum of 750,000 lire. The commune of Milan has contributed 250,000 lire, and it is not yet known how much the general subscription was in the last three days, but it is believed to be over 3,000,000 lire. The Government has received thousands of letters and telegrams from private citizens eager to contribute their share. Practically all the public officials have signed sheets of contribution. The National Association of Widows and Mothers of the Dead in the War have opened a subscription list, and the same has been done by associations of every description. The National Silk and Cotton Manufacturers, workmen's unions, banking associations, and leading banks such as the Banca Commerciale, Credito Italiano, the Banco di Roma, the Banco Nazionale di Credito, and innumerable small ones have made courageous sacrifices, and there seems no doubt now that not only the \$1,000,000 asked for by Signor Mussolini, but much more will be forthcoming by December 1st.

Under Fascist and patriotic incitement the large part of the nation cheerfully volunteers, and is proud to help to pay off the war debt without being faced by the tax-collector. The subscription is regarded as an opportunity to offer to the world a further proof of Italy's renewed national spirit.

### MISS MARIE TEMPEST.

STORY OF CHARLIE CHAPLIN.

Miss Marie Tempest who was the guest of honour at the first ladies' dinner of the season of the Gallery First Nighters' Club in the Cosmo Hotel, Southampton-row, London, recently, recounted her experience in America when she was entertained to dinner by Charlie Chaplin. He told her that when he was a poor lad in London, selling little paper boats of his own make at the foot of Ludgate-hill, he used to go to the gallery at night where ever she was appearing and listen with great delight to her singing. She was, as he expressed it, his goddess, and he had determined after he made good abroad that she should be his first distinguished guest at dinner.

### WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory issued the following report at 6.50 p.m. yesterday:—The anti-cyclone over China has weakened slightly. A fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Local forecast: N.E. winds; fresh to moderate, cloudy.

### HOCKEY.

The Hongkong Hockey Club's 2nd eleven appeared to have considerably benefited by their last fortnight's rest when they met the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment's 2nd eleven on the U.S.A.C. ground on Tuesday.

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THE-ATHERLEY TRIAL.  
ACCOUNT BOOKS EXAMINED.  
DISCREPANCIES ARE TERMED  
"CLERICAL ERRORS."

The case in which James Edward Atherley, former manager in Hongkong of Messrs. Getz Brothers (of the Orient), Ltd., is charged with fraudulent conversion of four sums totalling \$3,275 was continued yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, and a jury comprising Mr. P. M. N. da Silva (foreman), Messrs. Maurice Minney, H. L. Stainfield, A. S. da Rosa, E. A. Simon, Sheikh Juman and Sam Man Yan.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Mr. Pryor, of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Easley Zeitlyn (instructed by Messrs. Hall & Hind) defended.

Mr. Zeitlyn continued his cross-examination of Mr. Chau King Yan, the Company's comprador, the examination continuing throughout the day.

Replying to Counsel witness agreed that under Clause 31 of his agreement he was called upon to keep the books in such a way as to disclose a true statement of accounts.

Mr. Zeitlyn: The clause is as follows: "The comprador shall at all times cause his accounts to be kept in such a manner that whenever called upon by the Company to do so, he would immediately be able to disclose a true statement of such account."—Yes.

He further agreed that in pursuance of that clause he kept books which were exhibits "A," "B," "C," and "N." "A" was his own promissory note-book; "B" the Chinese account book; "C" the English version of it, and "N" the continuation of that translation.

## COUNSEL'S IMPUTATION.

Mr. Zeitlyn put it to witness that his books were untrue. Witness denied this. He suggested that there might have been a few mistakes, but in those cases the necessary alterations were made.

Counsel: Your books are untrue; they did not disclose a true statement of accounts. No one demanded to examine my books, but they were kept and did disclose a true statement of accounts.

## ENTRY CROSSED OUT.

Mr. Zeitlyn then asked witness to go through the Chinese book in detail, and without reference to the book with the English translation to give the version as set out in Chinese. Entries for March 25th showed collections made from Sui Yick, Bluebird, Wing On Company, and Ying Fat Lung. With regard to the Sui Yick item, it stated that a sum of \$307.44 was received on March 24th, and that it was paid into the bank on April 7th. The Bluebird collection of \$766.61 was paid into the bank on April 1st. Another entry was crossed out. This item was for \$144.04 received from Ying Fat Lung for newspapers. There was a note to this effect: "On April 1st paid to taipan; another day paid into bank."

On March 25th there were items collected from several other firms. Some of the items were stated to have been paid into the bank, beside others there was the English chop mark, giving different days from that when the monies were said to have been received. In a few places there were pencilled remarks.

After being questioned several times with regard to the pencilled remarks and other writing in the account, to which he previously gave indefinite replies, witness eventually replying to His Lordship said that none of the entries in the book were made by him personally.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Why were items crossed out? Those were monies paid to the taipan and not to the bank.

## THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

Mr. Zeitlyn then asked that the English translation of the foregoing items should be read out. The total for March 24th was stated to be \$1,041 paid into the Asia Bank, and that of March 25th as \$1,112.62.

Counsel: It states that the collection for March 25th was \$1,112.62. Please add these figures up, Mr. Chau.—They were not written by me.

I want you please to add them up.

Witness added up the figures and said that came to \$990.62.

Now refer to the opposite page, what does it state?—It states that \$1,112.62 was paid into the Chartered Bank.

On being again asked to refer to the English translation, witness agreed that it stated that \$373.50 was paid into the Chartered Bank on March 28th; and \$1,507.01 on March 28th.

Counsel: How is it that the English version gives different dates from that of the Chinese?—I do not know.

The entries are found by reference to the numbers of the drafts upon the promissory notes?—Yes; but I do not know whether they agree with the draft. I refer you to the promissory note book.

Counsel suggested that the date of 27th March in the book referring to a collected item was a corrected figure. Witness said that he did not know. After being asked carefully to examine the figure he said that it appeared as if it had been corrected.

Counsel enumerated other items and asked when, according to the book, the monies were paid into the bank. Witness said that it stated 25th March.

## THE WRONG BANK.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Take the date March 24th in each book. Do they state that a sum of money was paid into the Bank of East Asia? Is it not true that at that time the Company was not dealing with this bank?—Perhaps it was a clerical error.

It makes a lot of difference if you were to put money in a bank with which you were not dealing. Mr. Chau?—Yes.

Look at exhibit B. It contains a receipt for money from the Wing On Co. as being paid on March 24th. Is it also the same in C?—Yes.

Is it not a fact that the cheque was received by you on March 20th? What was done with it before March 24th?—I forgot whether the cheque was received on March 20th.

Wing On testified that they paid you that cheque on March 20th. Can you explain how it was that it was not entered at the bank until March 24th?—That can be explained by the cashier.

Take March 25th. You state that the chop in the book dated April 22nd shows that the money was paid into the bank on that day?—It means that.

Look at book C. It states that the money was paid in on the 25th. How do account for that discrepancy?—On March 25th, the taipan told me that all the money had to be paid to him. I therefore told the cashier to hand it over to him, and the taipan gave him a receipt for it. The cashier thought that in handing the money over to Mr. Atherley he had already disposed of it as if he were to have put it in the bank.

Then why was no entry made to show that the money was handed over to the taipan?—I ask you to put that question to the cashier.

His Lordship: Assuming that this money had been paid to the taipan should not an entry have appeared in the book?—He gave a receipt.

## SALE OF NEWSPAPERS.

Counsel: Will you tell my Lord and the jury how it is that on March 28th there is the following pencilled note: "Collected from Sing Wo On \$720.30. April 1st paid to taipan; another day paid to bank."—The remarks refer to money paid to the taipan for newspapers sold.

His Lordship: Why should they refer to it?—I am unable to give any explanation, and I would ask you to ask the man who had charge of the book.

Is that the Cashier?—Yes, my lord.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Does that also apply to an entry on March 24th for \$144.04, which was paid to the taipan on April 1st and on the same day to the bank?—Yes, it applies to all.

Then why were they crossed out?—The cashier was preparing to pay it to the bank and then the taipan gave instructions to the contrary. It was then crossed out.

Witness agreed that a similar entry with reference to a collection from Ying Fat Lung on March 31st, paid over to the taipan on April 1st, and entered in the bank the same day, was crossed out for the same reason. Replying to further questions regarding the sale of newspapers, witness said that it was the first payment made in this respect which was handed over to Atherley. That was on March 24th. He had express instructions from him not to pay the money received for the sale of newspapers into the bank. He agreed that the cashier was bound to make the entry in respect of the sale.

His Lordship: I gather that the items were crossed out according to instructions?

Witness in reply said that they were crossed out because they referred to newspapers, and he had instructions not to send the money to the bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Did you hand the monies received for the newspapers to the taipan?—I did not.

Can you explain why it is stated that payment of this entry was made to the bank on March 25th, and why all entries on that date appear as being paid to the bank, and that the Chartered Bank?—When the collections were made that day, the money was paid to the taipan, and when we had a receipt from him, we entered it as having been paid to the bank.

His Lordship: You took it that it had been paid to the bank?—Yes.

As a matter of fact these monies were not paid to the bank on the day mentioned in the book?—No.

How do you account for that?—Payment to the taipan was considered as payment to the bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn: And that was the Chartered Bank?—Yes, the clerk who looked after the book thought that the money had been paid to the bank.

Exhibit "C" in a translation of "B"?—Yes.

Then why do they vary?—Witness gave a rambling answer, in which he stated that his clerk did not know what had happened, and in adjourning for the fifth hour His Lordship remarked that he would like to know if the clerk had been left to his imagination to make up the books.

## THE AFTERNOON HEARING.

The comprador again went into the witness-box.

On being asked by Mr. Zeitlyn whether he had found any explanation why one book stated that money was paid to the bank on March 25th and the other that it was on April 21st, witness reiterated that the taipan had instructed him to hand over the collections, and he had obeyed him. He informed the cashier of the taipan's instructions, and told him to make out a list of monies collected just as was done when they paid into the bank. The taipan acknowledged the amount by giving a signed receipt.

Witness never thought then that there would be such trouble between the taipan and ourselves?—added witness, "because as a rule when money is handed to a taipan in Hongkong, the matter is finished as far as the employees are concerned."

Further questioned, he said that the translating clerk did not know that the money was paid to the taipan.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Is that any reason why in your order book it should be stated that the money was paid to the bank?—The translating clerk was ignorant of it.

## "NO FRAUD."

As soon as the money was handed to the taipan it was the end of the matter?—Yes.

Was that a discharge of your liabilities to the Company?—Yes.

I need not suggest, Mr. Chau, that the handling was anything but a perfectly honest proceeding on your part?—What do you mean?

There was no fraud in that?—No.

Why did you not enter it in "B"?—Well, I got acknowledgment from the taipan.

Why did you not enter it in "C"?—The clerk did not know of the affair. He simply made a copy from one book to the other.

The honesty of the proceedings, and the discharge of your liabilities to the Company were fully present to your mind at the time of the transaction?—Yes.

Mr. Chau, why did you not tell my Lord and the jury what you told me yesterday: that it was present to your mind that unless Atherley would pay you the I.O.U.'s they would be turned against the Company's cash account?—Unless he paid that money to me, it would be put on the Company's debit.

Witness again reiterated that the fact that Atherley had given him receipts was sufficient for his purposes and that he was discharging his duty to the Company.

## HIS DUTIES.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Was it not in pursuance of your agreement that you should, if the Company ever asked you to produce your books, and that they should give a true statement of affairs?—Yes.

Do you say that book B was kept in pursuance of this duty, and did you not say that the keeping of this book was not your business?—I did say that the keeping of B was my business.

And that it should disclose the state of affairs honestly?—It should.

Then surely all entries should be made in this book?—By getting a receipt from Mr. Atherley I discharged my liabilities. You said yesterday that what the cashier did in this matter was on your instructions?—I said so.

Counsel again told witness that he had stated that if Atherley did not repay the I.O.U.'s he had thought of turning all the I.O.U.'s acknowledgments, and receipts into the Company against the Company's account. Witness again rambled in his response and Mr. Zeitlyn said that it had no reference to his question, and again repeated it. Witness eventually said that he could not give a direct reply, but that he would have to make an explanation. Later, replying to his Lordship he said that matters had been left in suspense. He considered that in doing so, he had not fully discharged his duties.

## A MISTAKE.

Mr. Zeitlyn asked witness what explanation he had to offer for the entry in the book that collections on March 25th amounted to \$1,112.62, whereas when he himself had added up the figures in Court, they only came to \$990.62. Witness replied that he could not account for that misleading information, but it might have been a mistake.

Counsel: You also stated that this \$1,112 was handed by you to Atherley?—I have already explained that this writing was done by the clerk.

I put it to you with deliberation that these mistakes are frauds?—They are not.

If you produced these books to the Company, would they not be deceived?—Mistakes are often made.

His Lordship pointed out that witness had explained that they were mistakes, and that his additions were wrong.

## BOOKS NOT CLOSED.

Further interrogated by Counsel, witness said that he had three months' notice to terminate his agreement with Getz Bros. in August, 1925. He admitted that the books had not been made up.

Counsel: Is it possible that they have been made up to fit the case which you would, like the jury to believe?—No, I could not close the account because the books were taken to Court.

Asked as to when the clerk who had written up the books resigned, witness said he left in January, 1925. He could not get another clerk, so he (witness) took charge of the books himself. When it was pointed out to him that there were no entries after May, he said that he had little leisure and he could not always see to them. Further questioned, he stated that after the clerk left, another man took his place for a time. He disagreed that he was employed until March, 1925.

Asked to explain an entry, stating that \$373.50 was paid into the Chartered Bank, on March 28th witness said he had forgotten the item. Neither did he remember a similar item on March 28th. He said that an item in book B, stating that comprador's commission had not been paid and references to other fees, had not been written by him. He further stated that what he meant by the translating book B was that he entered the names of customers in another book.

Counsel closely questioned witness with regard to an entry of March 28th, which he held had been changed to March 29th. Witness said that no alteration had been made. Asked whether Atherley had given him a cheque for \$102 on March 29th, witness said that he could not recall it. He denied that he had altered the date on the slip, nor had he instructed anyone to do so. On being shown other remarks written in the book, he again reiterated that he had not written them.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned to-day.

SOLDIERS OF LI FUK-LUM.  
CHINESE CHARGED AT SESSIONS  
FOR POSSESSION OF ARMS.

Before Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, two Chinese, stated to be soldiers of General Li Fuk Lum, were charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition at Tai O. Originally there had been six men arraigned, but the charge against four was withdrawn.

In view of these circumstances, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy entered a plea of guilty to a technical offence with regard to the two prisoners remaining.

Mr. Fitzroy said that it was admitted that the men landed at Tai O with arms and that they had control of them. They were under the command of Leung Kam Mo, a Lieutenant of General Li Fuk Lum, and on the application of some merchants they had been sent with a cargo of salt in order that the junk should have safe passage. They wished to go ashore at Tai O and on debating what they should do with the arms, which were the property of General Li Fuk Lum's army, they decided to take them with them. They placed them in a rattan basket, but had no intention of doing other than take them ashore and back again.

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that it was purely a technical infringement of the law, and he asked His Lordship to deal with the matter on those lines. In these times, he said, it was very necessary that the Chinese were shown that justice was meted out in the Colony. Tai O was a very small place and the men were ignorant of the law. That was no excuse, but, at the same time it had to be borne in mind.

The Crown Solicitor remarked that Tai O, although a small place, was a place where arms should not be. There had been one or two incidents there already, and it was most dangerous that arms should be allowed to be taken into the village.

In sentencing the prisoners to one month with hard labour, His Lordship remarked that it was on the facts placed before the Court by Mr. Fitzroy that he had passed such a light sentence.

THEFT FROM A EUROPEAN.  
CHARGE AGAINST A LUKONG.

SAD ENDING TO A FILIPINO  
DINNER.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese Lukong, attached to No. 2 Police Station, was charged with the theft of a gold watch and chain, \$40 in bank notes, an overcoat and some private papers, to the value of \$190.

An application was made by Detective Sergeant O'Donovan for a remand, the officer stating that he wished to make further enquiries.

His Worship decided to hear the preliminary evidence first.

Mr. William Allen, of No. 4, Moreton Terrace, Causeway Bay, said that he attended a Filipino dinner at the Nam Tong Restaurant, China Building, which he left about 12.35 a.m. Taking a tramcar in the direction of Causeway Bay, he alighted from it near the Bowring Canal Bridge. While waiting for a ricksha, he laid his overcoat on the parapet for a few minutes. When the ricksha arrived, he found his coat was missing, and on searching his pockets he discovered that his watch and chain and \$40, which was in his trousers pocket, were also gone. He immediately reported the loss to the police and went home. The next morning he made the further discovery that a sum of \$17 in new one dollar notes, together with his train ticket and private papers, which he carried in two envelopes in his inside coat pocket, were also missing.

Detective Sergeant O'Donovan said that he saw the defendant on duty at the police station and took him to No. 238, Queen's Road East, second floor. There defendant admitted he occupied a cubicle in the building and when a search of the place was made, the coat was found hanging on a wall, and in a basket under a dollar watch and chain, seven-teen one-dollar notes and a five-dollar note were found.

Sergeant O'Donovan then applied for a remand for one week, which His Worship agreed to.

## TRAM COLLISION SEQUEL.

## EX-DRIVER FINED AT MAGISTRACY.

There was a sequel to a collision on December 11th at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Vaux Road between a tram-car and a motor-car belonging to the Peruvian Consul, at the Central Magistracy yesterday when the Chinese tram-car driver (who has since been dismissed) was summoned under the Tramway Ordinance of 1902 for failing to stop when signalled to by a traffic policeman.

Evidence given by Inspector Alexander, showed that the defendant stopped the car at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Vaux Road Central for passengers to alight. The police constable on traffic duty at this point, noticing a motor-car travelling down Pedder Street, signalled the tram-car to remain stationary. Before he removed the signal, the driver re-started the car and collided with the motor-car, which received slight damage to the rear side.

The defendant said he tried to stop the tram-car, but it would not stop dead. Defendant was fined \$10, with the alternative of fourteen days' hard labour.



## HON. MR. A. G. M. FLETCHER, C.M.G.

## FAREWELL TIFIN BY GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E., who is leaving Hongkong on Saturday to take up the appointment of Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, was entertained at tiffin at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, yesterday, by the members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce and the opportunity was taken to present the guest of honour with a handsome silver loving cup, subscribed by the members of whom there was a fully representative attendance.

At the head table the Chairman of the Chamber (the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) had on his right H.E. The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and on his left the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E. Mr. B. R. Forster, Private Secretary to the Governor, was also present. The other seats at this table were occupied by members of the Chamber who are either on the Executive or Legislative Councils, or are members of the General Committee of the Chamber, namely: The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.B.E., K.C., the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber (the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang), Mr. G. M. Young, M.B.E., Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. T. G. Weill, Lieut.-Comdr. C. St. C. Ingham, R.N., Major R. D. Bennett, M.C.

## GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED.

The toast of "The King" having been honoured, the Chairman took the opportunity to digress for a moment from the toast list in order to refer to the New Year Honours announced since the tiffin arrangements had been made. He felt sure it was the wish of all present that the occasion should not pass without expressing to His Excellency the Governor the keen pleasure felt by everyone in Hongkong at the high honour conferred by His Majesty The King, and at his presence on this occasion.

Sir Cecil Clementi's health was then enthusiastically toasted.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR in reply said: Gentlemen, I thank you very cordially for drinking the toast of my health and for the congratulations you have given me on the honour which His Majesty The King has been pleased to bestow on me. There is one thing this occasion prompts me to remark: that it must be a very great pleasure to us all to find that in spite of what happened on Friday of last week the Hongkong Hotel is doing "business as usual." (Applause.)

We are here to do honour to a very old friend and colleague of mine, Mr. Fletcher, who is going to take over the task which I laid down very recently in Ceylon. It is an extremely difficult task—entirely different from the one which confronts us here. It is a Government run very largely by speech-making. I am glad we have not got to that stage here. (Laughter.) Mr. Fletcher will find that in season and out of season he will be expected to make speeches, and very long speeches, in Council and elsewhere; and I strongly advise him to improve the shining hour and never to lose an opportunity of making a speech. As head of the Government it, of course, gives me the greatest pleasure to see you united to do honour to my principal adviser. I wish to offer Mr. Fletcher my very sincere congratulations on his appointment to Ceylon: a better man could not possibly have been chosen for the post, and I wish him all success. He will find many friends in the cadet service of Ceylon.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the health of Sir Shou Son Chow, to which there was an enthusiastic response, and Sir Shou Son Chow thanked the assembly for their good wishes.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. FLETCHER.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed the toast of the day, "Our Guest," Mr. Holyoak said he had already referred in the Legislative Council to Mr. Fletcher's early days in the Colony and the manner in which he had handled the reorganisation of the Trademarks Department, which until then had been in a condition that could only be described as chaotic. That was twenty-two years ago, but later, during the War years 1917 and 1918, when he happened to be Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Fletcher acted for a considerable period as Colonial Secretary. Unprecedented problems arose continuously throughout that time, and many decisions having far-reaching consequences had to be taken. During those two years, as the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce well knew, the assistance Mr. Fletcher rendered was of immense value and importance to business interests. New questions arose in regard to which there were no precedents to guide either the Government or the Chamber as to the right course to pursue, but it so happened that the Colony was fortunate in possessing two officers who handled the situation brilliantly—Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Kemp—both of whom throughout the War period impressed the entire Commercial Community with their extraordinary ability and grasp of the situation. In the present year Mr. Fletcher had again acted for a time as Colonial Secretary, during a period of special difficulty.

It was inevitable that any man of action who cared to accept the responsibility of making decisions in periods of difficulty would make mistakes, and he did not say that Mr. Fletcher had not made any: no man who is willing to take quick action and make difficult decisions can hope to escape criticism or avoid mistakes.

"Mr. Fletcher has impressed us throughout his career," said Mr. Holyoak, "as a man who has been prepared to accept responsibility for individual action and the consequences which must flow from so doing. He has shown abundant tact and courtesy, and I think nearly everybody in the Colony must have been impressed with the fact that, busy man as he is, he almost invariably finds time for all those who seek an interview. Mr. Fletcher will go down in the history of this Colony, and in the memory of us all, as a man who has handled difficult situations with extraordinary tact, remarkable ability, conspicuous energy, and with an urgent and genuine desire to achieve a solution. These qualities in any officer who is entrusted with high executive powers cannot fail to impress themselves on the Community and the Government. We are delighted with the honour paid to Mr. Fletcher and the recognition of his services, but our congratulations to him on his appointment are tinged with regret that he is departing at this difficult time. It was the hope of this Colony that Mr. Fletcher would remain permanently with us and would be confirmed in the appointment of Colonial Secretary for Hongkong."

Mr. Holyoak then presented, on behalf of the assembly, a silver Loving Cup of handsome design, which he said it was the spontaneous wish of those present (many of whom had expressed themselves in the most cordial terms in proposing this joint tribute), that Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher should accept as a lasting memory of their esteem and regard. (Applause.)

The inscription on the loving cup was as follows:—

Presented to  
The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher,  
C.M.G., C.B.E.,  
by the Members of the  
Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce  
as a token of esteem and appreciation  
of many years invaluable services  
to the Commercial and Shipping  
Interests of Hongkong,  
January, 1926.

Mr. W. S. BAILEY, as one who had been in close contact with Mr. Fletcher, ventured heartily to endorse the tribute which had been paid by the Chairman. Only those who had worked with Mr. Fletcher as he had done could appreciate his sterling qualities, directness, candour, absolute honesty of purpose and quick grasp of business. (Applause.)

The toast was then honoured with enthusiasm.

## MR. FLETCHER REPLIES.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, in responding to the toast, said he felt most deeply sensible of the high honour bestowed upon him in inviting him to be the guest on this occasion; he felt as though the Committee of the Chamber, as the civic fathers of the Colony, had bestowed on him the freedom of the City upon his departure. "I see here," said Mr. Fletcher, "many old friends with whom I have grown up and lived in daily contact both in work and in play for a period of twenty-four years. As regards the brighter side of life, the cheery countenance of my old friend, Mr. Charles Lafrentz, has recalled to me one of my earliest memories. In the days before I ever thought of coming to Hongkong I and two friends who were down at Lyme Regis on the coast of Dorset, reading—or pretending to read—met Charles Lafrentz at a small Club one of the rules of which was: 'No bridge on Sundays.' We wanted to make a fourth and we picked out Lafrentz as the member who looked the greatest rake. (Laughter.) I was deputed to approach him, which I did in fear and trembling, and managed to collect him for our fourth. That was the beginning of a long friendship. Later on I have a vivid recollection of what I might perhaps call 'back chat' exchanged over the counters of our respective yachts with Sir Henry Pollock, Mr. Bird and others.

In work, too, I owe a very deep debt of gratitude to my most staunch and loyal friend, Mr. Holyoak, and to you all for the manner in which you have most freely and ungrudgingly given me your assistance and advice. We have seen many ups and downs, the smiles and frowns of Fortune alternating, and at the present time I am afraid she is in her gloomiest mood. This is not the occasion for discussing political issues, but I should like to take this last opportunity of saying just one thing: I do feel that we could very usefully apply to our present problems the lesson taught us by our own Suffragettes in England. The Suffragette, as you remember, said, 'I want equal treatment: you can have me as a friend or as a foe.' I remember very well meeting the Rector of Wargrave, whose beautiful Church had been burned down by Suffragettes. He denounced in no uncertain terms the unkindness of Fate in dragging him against his will into a picture which was none of his painting. In much the same way you in Hongkong have been pitchedforked into a situation which was certainly not of your creating and for which you are not in any way responsible. But you have to remember that a new nation is being born in China; China is in travail and

she wants your help and your patience. As in the old story, when the question was asked which of the three—the Levite, the Priest or the Samaritan—was neighbour to the man who fell among thieves, the answer was 'He that showed mercy,' and the command came 'Go thou, and do likewise.' It is true the wounded man did not bite the hand of the Good Samaritan. (Laughter.) Living as I do in what may be called a 'sheltered occupation' I realise I have no business to preach to those who are out in the open fighting the brunt of the storm, but there is one thing which I wish to say: 'We were taught at our public schools to be self-reliant and to cultivate an attitude of mind which shows a stubborn front to the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,' and I congratulate you on the way in which you are worthily upholding this tradition: I think the Empire should feel proud that its honour is in such good keeping. Just one last word: the island of Ceylon is a half-way house between Hongkong and England; it is perhaps improbable that the Colonial Secretary's Office hangs out a bush, but we shall be easily found; and my wife and I will consider it an unfriendly act if when you pass through you neglect to call. In the event of your not failing us in this respect I wish you 'Au revoir' and not 'Good-bye.' (Loud applause.)

The proceedings then terminated.

## PRESENTATION FROM THE CLUB DE RECREIO.

## PORTUGUESE COMMUNITY'S TRIBUTE.

In token of their admiration, and especially in appreciation of the services the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher had rendered to the Club de Recreio in securing for them a new recreation ground, the members last night entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher at the Club and on behalf of the members, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, President of the Club, presented to them a handsome silver salver.

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Souza, in welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, said that Mr. Fletcher was an official of whom the whole Colony was justly proud. Ever since his appointment as Colonial Secretary of Ceylon there had been general regret that Hongkong would be deprived of his services. He was considered part of the Hongkong Government. However, it had been decided otherwise and while they regretted his leaving them, they heartily congratulated him on his promotion. (Applause.)

As permanent residents of Hongkong, they had watched his career step by step, and he believed that some of them could still remember Mr. Fletcher as the British Vice-Consul at Macao some 25 years ago. There, although still young, he made a very favourable impression with everyone who came in contact with him and all felt sure he had a very promising career before him.

In Hongkong, his work needed no commendation. It had been acknowledged in no uncertain terms by the Colony's highest authority, the Hon. Members of the Legislative Council, by the Press in general and by the Chamber of Commerce. He was a man with infinite capacity for work, never sparing himself where the interests of the Colony were concerned. And last, but not least, he was a man who was courteous itself.

The members of the Club de Recreio had special reasons to be grateful to Mr. Fletcher for his services in securing the grant of new grounds to the Club, and on behalf of the members he had great pleasure in acknowledging their debt of gratitude and in asking Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher to accept a silver salver from the members in recognition of the many favours the Club had received.

They would have liked to have received him in their new grounds, but the clubhouse was not yet ready. However, being confident that Mr. Fletcher's great love for Hongkong would bring him back in the not distant future, they hoped to have the honour of welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher to their new clubhouse.

Mr. de Souza then presented a silver salver to Mr. Fletcher. Cheers were given for Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher and toasts drunk to their future prosperity.

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said it gave Mrs. Fletcher and himself great pleasure to be with them. Really words failed him to express his thanks for the magnificent gift which they had so kindly presented to him. Their President had revealed the fact that 24 years ago, he was Vice-Consul in Macao, and he had very happy memories of those far-off days in Macao, one of the most beautiful places he had been in. He was there as the representative of Great Britain, and he would never forget the most kind hospitality he received there.

## SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS.

## TWO NIGHT FROWLERS SENT TO GAOL.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, two Chinese living at No. 14, Temple Street, Yau-mat, were charged with loitering with intent to pick pockets. One of the defendants was further charged with attempting to bribe a district watchman.

The evidence for the prosecution, which was conducted by Sub-Inspector Wilson, was to the effect that two district watchmen noticed the defendants and two other men loitering at the junction of Ice House Street and Queen's Road, Central after dark and acting in a suspicious manner. The watchmen followed the men along Queen's Road as far as Wing On Street, where they stopped. During this time one of the defendants (the man charged on two counts) told the watchmen that he knew who they were and asked them why they were following him and his companions. It was alleged by the prosecution that the defendant then offered the watchmen tea money. The watchmen arrested the two defendants, but the other two men ran away.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. R. Haywood (for the defence), one of the district watchmen denied that the defendant pulled out only a few ten-cent pieces and that he refused to accept this and then arrested him and his companion.

The defendant charged with loitering and attempting to bribe the watchman, said that he was an unemployed seaman, having left his ship three days ago. On January 2nd he came to Hongkong to make enquiries at a shop regarding a remittance to send to his father. He admitted he had been convicted about 12 months ago for picking pockets. The district watchman, he continued, came up to him and asked to borrow a few dollars, which defendant refused to lend him. The watchman then searched him and found some money. Defendant told the watchman he could not have all the money, as it was not his, but that he could take 20 or 30 cents for tea money. The second defendant then came on the scene and enquired what the trouble was about. The district watchman abused the second defendant and told him he was "too saucy" and they were then both arrested. One of the watchmen held \$3 in his hand and told witness that this was the \$3 he had given him, and defendant asked for it back denying that he had given it to the watchman.

The second defendant corroborated his companion's story in the main. Cross-examined, defendant admitted that he was a brother-in-law of the other defendant and lived at No. 14, Temple Street, with him and his wife and daughter. Mr. Haywood remarked that if His Worship took a serious view of the case, he could call evidence, if he had time, as he had only been called into the case that morning, to show that the first defendant had called at a shop regarding a remittance. He submitted, however, that there was no case and asked for the discharge of the defendants. They only had oath against oath. He thought the defendants' story was the more probable of the two.

His Worship sentenced the first defendant to 10 weeks' hard labour on the two charges, and the second to one month's hard labour.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ANTI-FOREIGN?

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Boating during the Christmas holiday in the waters of the New Territory I had occasion to land from the dinghy in shallow water. A Chinese fisherman nearby showed my boat boy the best landing place. Not content with this he quite unsolicited helped to drag the dinghy onto the beach, and not being quite successful in dragging it far enough, he placed a stone so that I and my friend might step ashore dry. These are the people it is a pleasure to live among and a pleasure to help in turn when the occasion arises. It is only a small propaganda which will fill them with anti-foreign views and ably organised intimidation which will bring them up to anti-foreign actions.

L. G.

## A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

## TWO PERSONS DIE FROM INJURIES.

An unknown Chinese, aged about 65, who is believed by the police to have been a commercial traveller, jumped from a tram-car while it was in motion at the Praya East, near Amoy Street, at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, but died the same night as a result of his injuries.

Near the 3½ mile post on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, a Chinese woman made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the line before an approaching train on Tuesday afternoon. She died a few hours later from the injuries she received.

A Chinese, driving a motor-car along Queen's Road East on Tuesday, knocked down a Chinese who ran across the road near Arsenal Street. The injured man was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Going down Hill Road on Tuesday, a Jeksha coolie lost control of his ricksha, in which he had a passenger, and the ricksha overturned near the public mortuary and the passenger was thrown out. The coolie, who received slight injuries to his head and legs, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

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T. P. HALL.  
[3033]

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## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of MEMBERS of the above Society, and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 7th JANUARY, 1926, at 3.30 p.m., with a view to deciding whether the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW should be held Next Year or Not.

It is hoped that a Good Attendance may be expected. All Ladies interested are Cordially Invited to Attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL.  
Hon. Secretary.  
[3008]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the forthcoming RACES CLOSE on SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1926, at 3 p.m., and must be sent to the SECRETARY, c/o LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings on or before This Date.

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[3042]

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## THE SECRET OF BRITAIN'S GREATNESS.

THE accounts of revolutionary tendencies or Communist activities, which are cabled here from time to time, are reduced to their true proportions in relation to the life of the nation as a whole when we read in the latest "Home" papers of the homage paid to the memory of Queen ALEXANDRA by every class throughout the land. Newspapers of every shade of opinion at home have most accurately reflected public opinion in lamenting the passing of a noble lady, who was held in affectionate esteem, and revered as an example of what is best in womanhood. More than that, they have borne glowing testimony to her qualities as a Queen and her character as the parent of princes. We have read with deepest interest the full reports describing the wonderful scenes witnessed in the streets of London at the funeral, when scores of thousands waited silently for hours in the snow, despite the intense cold of a November gale, to do reverence as the cortege passed on its way for the State service in Westminster Abbey. And, later, over a hundred thousand people filed past the coffin as it rested on the catafalque in the ancient fane which enshrines the history and traditions of the Anglo-Saxon race. These public manifestations of mourning were as sincere as they were spontaneous. There was nothing forced. Nor was there anything to mar the beautiful solemnity of the nation's grief for a Queen who had won all hearts, and was a kindly and gracious figure for many years in the life of the country.

Apart from the personality of Queen ALEXANDRA there are other reasons for the affectionate regard which was evoked by her death and burial. It is impossible to read what has been spoken and written of late in England without discovering the central fact that these tributes were not paid only to an august personage, but were also offered to the Royal House. Beneath the sorrow which was profoundly stirred by the passing of the Queen Mother the spirit of loyalty to the Throne was unmistakably revealed. The Royal Family stands in an unique relationship to the people at home and throughout the Empire. It is only necessary to survey what has happened in Europe in the last decade to realise how strong is the bond of union. Where now are the ROMANOFFS, the HOHENZOLLERNS, and the HAPSBURGs? Ten years ago they all carried themselves proudly, as though they were indeed the Lord's anointed. But the Tsar of Russia, son of the late Queen ALEXANDRA's sister, and the Tsarina, daughter of our English Princess ALICE, together with their children have been completely wiped out by the ferocity of assassins. The German Kaiser has lost his throne and is a refugee in Holland. The Emperor of Austria was forced to flee from his capital and died a neglected and impoverished exile. Looking further afield we have seen the Sultan of Turkey deposed, the King of Greece is glad to find asylum in a strange land. A Dictator gives the law in Italy; Spain is under a Directory. Alone among the Powers of Europe the Royal House of Britain stands firm and unshaken, "broad based upon the people's will," and while other Thrones have tottered to their fall, or have been violently pulled down in abject ruin, loyalty to the King-Emperor and his Family has grown stronger under the stress and strain of the Great War, and the testing time which has followed that world-wide upheaval.

For the British people at home, and also for the peoples of the great Commonwealth of Nations and the Colonies and Dependencies which comprise the British Empire, the Crown is the apex of the Constitution; and honour is paid to the man or woman whose high privilege it is to hold the dignity. Unlike the monarchical systems as they have obtained on the Continent of Europe, the British developed the system to suit the national idea of constitutional government. In other lands the sovereigns, arrogated to themselves the right to interfere in the domain of government; but the British way has been to evolve a plan whereby the King acts in public affairs through his Ministers be they Conservatives, Liberals, or Labour. Thus the King is above the reach of partisans and stands supreme, not for a party or a class, but for all his people. He is the guardian of the national well-being, or, as the old formula quaintly expressed it, "the husband of England." While political strivings proceed apace, and Ministries are formed or dissolved amid the passions of the hour, and disputes arise in the wide field of industry, the King remains serene and apart in the high office of kingship, the embodiment of the British Constitution, and typifying the stability of all that is highest in national life. Under our system of the King and Parliament freedom is possible to a degree unknown elsewhere—not even in a Republic, which is so fine in theory with its slogan of quality and fraternity. There is in Britain an alliance of People and Crown to preserve the system intact. While the members of the present Royal Family worthily uphold the dignity and splendour of the office, thereby inspiring deep loyalty and devotion, they are foremost as individuals to share the joys and sorrows of the race at home and abroad, thereby inspiring deep affection.

The superficial observer might easily be misled—and even the shrewd foreigner is mistaken—by imagining as he hears the discordant cries of political partisans and others that England is in a shaky condition, that her greatness is departing, her classes falling asunder on vital economic issues. But the shouts of Socialists and Communists, which fill the air give a hopelessly wrong impression. All this sound and fury signify nothing in respect of the opinions cherished by millions of typical folk who quietly go about their business, "performing their task of the granted day" in JOHN RUSKIN'S phrase, and are, in the last analysis, the people who form the backbone of the nation. They are the soul of England. It is they who count in the long run; and to them loyalty to the King and Queen and the members of the Royal Family is more than a religion. On great occasions they show it unmistakably, as on the occasion of the Queen Mother's passing, and it is this loyalty, which is Britain's strength in the present against temporary difficulties, and our sure hope for the maintenance of Britain's greatness in the days to come.

According to the old Chinese calendar, yesterday was Slight Cold (Shan Han).

There are now 34 ladies and gentlemen accommodated at the Hongkong Hotel and 95 (exclusive of children) at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

Another successful dance, under the auspices of the Police Recreation Club, was held at the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters last evening.

It has been decided to have a carnival dance on the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel on China New Year's Eve, Friday, February 12th. Table reservations can now be made.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, on the application of Sergt. Carson, Mr. E. W. Hamilton ordered the confiscation of 880 tails of prepared opium, valued at over \$10,000, which was discovered unclaimed by Mr. Ravensburg, assistant engineer on the s.s. *Tijlbert*. No arrests were made in connection with the haul.

Members of the St. Patrick's Club, Garden Road, have presented to Mr. J. Morris, the honorary secretary, who is leaving the Colony, a gold watch as a memento from the Club and as a token of their appreciation of the interest he has taken in the Club and the work he has done on its behalf. Father Augustine, who made the presentation, paid suitable tribute to the activities of Mr. Morris in connection with the Club and expressed the members' sense of the loss the Club would suffer by his departure.

In aid of the dependents of the late A.B. Batchelor, of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, who lost his life while assisting as a volunteer in fighting the fire at the Hongkong Hotel, a supper dance is to be held on Roof Garden of the Hotel next Wednesday from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission will be by ticket only, single \$2; double, \$3. The whole of the proceeds from sale of tickets and all the profits in connection with this dance will be devoted to the benefit of the dependents of the late seaman. Patrons of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Company, Ltd., are asked to co-operate with the management in giving their whole-hearted support to this deserving object.

## CHINESE LABOUR UNIONS.

## PROPOSED NATIONAL ORGANISATION.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Shanghai seamen of Canton, Swatow, and Shanghai met for an informal conference in Canton, on the 3rd, inst., with the object of forming a national union. Some 77 seamen representing Canton unions and 30 others are now discussing the proposal.

Following the practice of Soviet labour unions and the Kuomintang form of organization, all labour unions affiliated with the Workers' Conference of the Kuomintang in Canton are to abolish the office of president or chairman in their organizations and substitute the commissary form of executive government. A commissary of several members, instead of a president, will act as Chief Executive of the union.

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## GROUNDING OF THE "TEAN."

### MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

### MASTER'S ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

### NOT AMOUNTING TO CULPABILITY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office yesterday morning to enquire into the circumstances attending the stranding of the s.s. *Tean* on Ching Mai Point in the Hainan Straits on the afternoon of December 19th, 1925, while proceeding from Haiphong to Hoihow.

The Court comprised Lieut.-Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President), Lieut.-Commander C. R. E. Harvey, R.N., Superintendent of the Chart Depot, H.M. Dockyard, Hong Kong; Capt. S. Robinson, Master of the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*; Mr. H. W. Chandler, Master of the s.s. *Kum Sang*; and Mr. J. Thompson, Master of the s.s. *Heiyoung*.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, solicitor (of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist), instructed by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, appeared for Captain Histed (Master of the *Tean*), and Mr. G. E. Hall Bruton, instructed by the China Coast Officers' Guild, held a watching brief on behalf of the Captain and Officers.

Capt. E. H. Histed (Master of the *Tean*), said that the *Tean* left Haiphong for Hoihow at 1 p.m. on December 18th. On December 19th at 1.35 p.m. a bearing of Lamkoo was taken S. 4 E. true, four miles, steering N. 88 E. true. This course was carried on until 4.30 at a speed of 9.7 knots. Not having seen anything, he altered the course to N. 77 E. true. About 4.30 land was raised two points on the starboard beam. At 4.41 the *Tean* grounded in 2 1/2 fathoms. Witness tried to twist the vessel off with the engines and managed to swing her head around and it held at N.N.E. Being unable to float the *Tean* off, the engines were stopped. He let go the port anchor and veered 15 fathom of chain. The vessel floated off at 8.20 p.m. without having sustained any damage. A survey had since been made and no damage was discovered.

Examined by Mr. Hugh-Jones, witness identified the ship's chart and said he was on the bridge at the time of the occurrence. A double fix was taken of Lamkoo and tallied, the last of the two being taken at 2.10. The beam position was taken from the fix and gave a distance of three miles or more from the light. At 1 p.m., soundings had given a depth of 25 fathoms, which showed by the chart that the vessel could not possibly have been within three miles. There was a fresh wind from E.N.E. to N.N.E., with a force of four to five. The weather was thick with driving rain and he estimated the visibility when off Lamkoo to be approximately four miles. Instructions were given by witness to the Second Officer to give the ship nothing East. Witness was off the bridge for a short time, going down about 2.15 p.m. and returning to the bridge just about 3 p.m. At that time they would have been about in the middle of the bay they were crossing, and the course they were on should have taken them off two miles North of Ching Mai Point. He preferred this course for making Hoihow to an alternative one bearing on Mandarin Cap. It was essential for him to pick up Ching Mai Point in order to make Hoihow. By his dead reckoning he should have been just abaft the beam of Ching Mai Point with Mandarin Cap just before her beam, the former being 2 1/2 miles. At 4.20 there was no land visible and witness altered the course to 77 E. true, in order to allow for any lee-way the *Tean* might have made. He had no reason to suspect that he was not in or near to his dead reckoning. The alteration of course was made as an additional precautionary measure. He sighted land for the first time about two minutes before the vessel struck. The island bore about two points before the starboard beam. At that time, assuming that he was approximately right in his reckoning, the land sighted, in his opinion, would be Mandarin Cap. He could not distinguish it as it was too indistinct to be certain. About twenty minutes after the vessel struck, the weather cleared considerably and a position was established. He had been through these Straits as master about fifteen or sixteen times, and had also made the passage through them as mate and second mate. He had frequently been on a similar course coming from Haiphong and making Lamkoo and then steering across the bay to Ching Mai. During these experiences he had never known of any peculiar set. Normally it would be approximately East and West.

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## AN UNKNOWN SET OF THE TIDE.

Asked how he accounted for his position, witness put the cause down to an unknown set. He added that after he took a bearing from the position where the vessel struck, Mandarin Cap bore S. 6 E. true, a distance of two miles two cables away.

Cross-examined by the President of the Court, witness said that he did not see any fishing stakes until after the ship grounded. Between the last fix and grounding, soundings were not taken owing to the irregularity of the bottom giving unreliable data. The visibility between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. was from two to three miles. During this time both he and the Chief Officer were looking out for land, the Second Officer having had the watch from 12 to 4 p.m.

Questioned by other members of the Court, witness spoke of a compass error and said that on previous occasions he had not found as much as one mile leeway being made in twenty hours straining over the same course.

At this point the Court adjourned to plot out a course in accordance with the evidence given.

On the Court resuming, the Chief Officer of the *Tean*, Mr. O. B. Adkins, was called. He said he was on the bridge from 4 p.m. on December 19th and gave evidence, unaided by a reference to the log, corroborating the main points of the evidence given by Capt. Histed.

The Court then adjourned to consider its finding.

### THE FINDING.

Returning, the President announced that the finding of the Court was that the s.s. *Tean* (Captain E. H. Histed) grounded 2.15 miles West of Mandarin Cap at 4.41 p.m. on December 19th, the grounding being caused by Capt. Histed under-estimating the visibility, this being an error of judgment which did not amount to culpability.

The President then handed back Capt. Histed his master's certificate and the Court was closed.

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An important advance, the Foreign Secretary said, was made towards the settlement of some of the more difficult problems in the course of the lake trip arranged by M. Briand on the first Saturday of the Conference, which happened to be Mrs. Chamberlain's birthday. The boat was named the Orange Blossom, and was used largely for bridal parties—"and," observed M. Briand, "it is a true marriage we are celebrating." After enjoying the scenery from the deck the delegates adjourned to the cabin, where most of the difficulties about Germany entering the League were finally resolved. The discussions continued, and were going admirably till at a critical point the vessel suddenly slackened speed, and it was found that she was back at Locarno. Orders were hastily given to put off again instead of landing, and the cruise continued in the darkness till further important progress towards a settlement had been achieved. "On the final return of the party," concluded Sir Austen, "M. Briand explained to the couple of hundred journalists on the landing stage that his guests had been engaged in the study of ichthyology. They had found some little fishes, and classified them easily, then some bigger ones whose classification caused rather more trouble; and, finally, one or two which remained to be classified still. And," added the Foreign Minister, "there was one quality in all the fishes which filled me with admiration—their muteness."

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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

January 5th.

City of Stockholm, British str., 3,134 tons, Capt. D. L. Lloyd, from Dairen and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B34.—Bank Line.  
Soochow, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. E. Monkman, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.  
R. W. Hocking, from Kobe, with 1,288 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Mackinnon, MacKenzie & Co.

January 6th.

Empress of Russia, British str., 3,780 tons, Capt. J. J. Hosken, from Manila, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—C.P.R.  
Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Swatow, lying at buoy No. C40.—K. Larsen & Co.  
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## CLEARANCES.

January 6th.

Anafura, for Manila.  
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Dewangse, for Hoilow.  
Suigang, for Swatow.  
Suikang, for Kwang Chow Wan.  
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## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Tulua*, on January 5th:—Mr. G. Lauritzen.

Per s.s. *Soochow*, on January 6th:—Mr. S. J. H. Curtis, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Puncheon, and Mr. Smallwood.

Per R.M.S. *Empress of Russia*, on January 6th:—Miss C. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. H. Riggenbach and son, Mr. Tam Chuan Tin, Mr. Tong Fai, Mr. and Mrs. M. Benjamin, Mr. Dee C. Chan, Mr. N. McK. and Mrs. Heath, Master T. D. S. Hing, Mrs. Li Gim, Mr. and Mrs. R. Deidmann, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Turner, Mr. R. Ansoctegui, Miss M. M. Blakely, Miss L. Campbell, Mrs. L. S. Eaton, Mr. E. Esser, Mr. A. Game, Miss R. Harold, Mrs. Lao Lau, Miss Y. Llopente, Mrs. G. Luten, Rev. J. J. Mereto, Miss J. Stuart, and Mr. C. A. Thumser.

## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 74, of which 30 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday there were six arrivals, three British, one French and two Japanese. The departures for the same period numbered ten, six being for coast ports; while there were also six clearances.

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The arrivals for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under.—The s.s. *City of Stockholm* (British) from Dairen and Shanghai with a nil entry; the s.s. *Soochow* (British) from Tsingtao and Shanghai with 150 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Tulua* (British) from Kobe and Amoy with 1,288 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Amoy* (French) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 7 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Borneo Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji with 923 tons of dangerous goods and the s.s. *Korea Maru* (Japanese) from Los Angeles and Shanghai with 372 tons of general cargo and mail.

Later arrivals yesterday, too late for entry in the above returns, included the s.s. *Van Gloom* (Dutch) from Amoy and the R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* from Manila with general cargo and mail.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Russia* returned from Manila yesterday morning and went to her wharf at Kowloon to discharge her passengers and cargo prior to going to Dock for the annual overhaul and repairs.

A report in the Harbour Office yesterday from the master of the s.s. *Soochow* (British) from Tsingtao and Shanghai, stated that the vessel passed a medium sized junk bottom up and awash in S. 64 E. magnetic 81, while en route for Hongkong.

A Chinese stowaway was discovered on the s.s. *Haining* when she was about to sail on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. He was handed over to the police, but a Chinese first class passenger made himself responsible for the man's fare to Amoy.

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	via AMOY	... "SUISANG"	.. Friday,	9th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	...	... "MINGSANG"	...Sunday,	10th Jan., at Noon.
TSINGTAU via SHANGHAI	...	... "YATSHING"	...Wednesday,	13th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	...	... "KUMSANG"	... Wednesday,	13th Jan., at 8 p.m.
YOKOHAMA via AMOY,				
MOJI & KOBE	...	... "KUTSANG"	...Friday,	16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	...	... "FOOKSANG"	...Wednesday,	20th Jan., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	...	... "KWAISANG"	...Tuesday,	29th Jan., at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	...	... "NAMSANG"	...Saturday,	30th Jan., at 3 p.m.

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"GLENIFFER"	21st "
"GLENNOGLE"	23rd "
"GLENAMOY"	23rd "
"GLENGARRY"	4th Mar.

## HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong	Discharges
"CARNARVONSHIRE"	25th Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.
"GLENSHIRE"	31st Jan.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.
"PEMBROKESHIRE"	17th Feb.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.
"GLENIFFER"	9th Mar.	London, Rotterdam & Hamburg via Oran.

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## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* left Shanghai for this port on the 5th inst. at 4.30 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at 9 a.m.  
The N.D.L. steamer *Anhalt* is expected to arrive at Hongkong on Friday, 12th inst., and she will be dispatched for Shanghai and Japan the same day.

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

*Behm* (Ben Line), due January 10th.

*Delta* (P. & O.), due to-morrow, about 9 a.m.

*Empress of Australia* (C.P.R.), due January 16th.

*Hymettus* (B.I. & Apear), due January 14th.

*Maluku* (P. & O.), due to-morrow.

## HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Jan. 7th to 13th, 1926.

Day of Week	Day of Month	HIGHER WATER.		LOWER WATER.	
		H'Long Standard Time	Height	H'Long Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	7	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		1 32	5 5	9 25	2 8
Fri.	8	4 23	4 8	9 38	4 2
		2 53	5 0	10 9	2 5
Satur.	9	4 53	4 8	11 21	2 6
		4 32	4 7	10 53	2 7
Sun.	10	6 31	5 9		
		6 3	4 5	0 39	2 9
Mon.	11	6 8	6 5	11 36	2 8
		7 14	4 4	1 32	2 2
Tues.	12	8 47	7 1	0 18	3 0
		8 19	4 4	2 18	1 4
Wed.	13	7 29	7 7	1 14	3 0
		8 14	6 2	1 45	3 0

## SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR JANUARY, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF THE 120TH MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH).

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
January 7th	7.05 a.m.	5.54 p.m.
8th	7.05	5.55
9th	7.05	5.56
10th	7.05	5.57
11th	7.06	5.57
12th	7.06	5.58
13th	7.06	5.59
14th	7.06	5.59
15th	7.06	6.00
16th	7.06	6.01
17th	7.06	6.01
18th	7.06	6.02
19th	7.05	6.03
20th	7.05	6.03
21st	7.05	6.04
22nd	7.05	6.04
23rd	7.05	6.05
24th	7.05	6.06
25th	7.05	6.07
26th	7.04	6.08
27th	7.04	6.08
28th	7.04	6.09
29th	7.04	6.10
30th	7.03	6.10
31st	7.03	6.11

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, January 8th.

	Previous Day	On Date	On Day
	at 2 p.m.	at 6 a.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.15	30.22	30.17
Temperature	62	57	61
Humidity	80	73	68
Wind Direction	N	Calm	E
Force	2	0	3
Weather	OD	O	O
Rain	0.16	0.00	0.02
Highest open-air Temperature on 5th			64
Lowest open-air Temperature on 6th			56



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